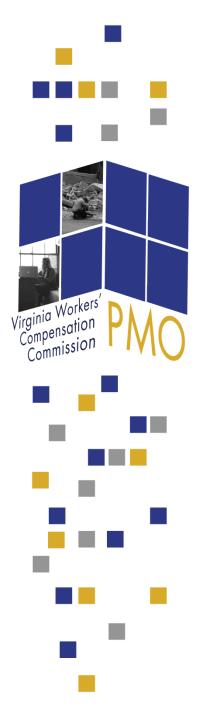
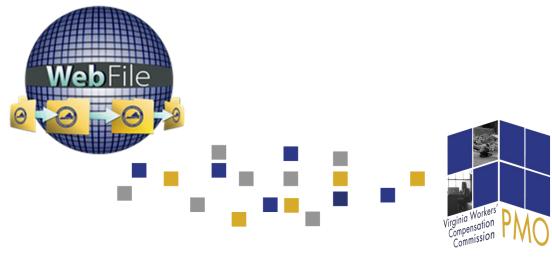
# WebFile Reimagined: The Commission's Approach to Technology Enhancements

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# **Session Topic**

A journey in discussing the steps to land on the new User Interface (UI) technology for WebFile. Learn the "why" using stakeholder feedback and regulatory guidelines to drive the Information Systems Department's technical research and prototyping in designing the new look and feel for the end user. Understand the "how" the IS/PMO Teams took research and a prototype to a functioning application that takes into consideration stakeholder concerns with website access, documentation submission, and information retrieval. We believe our approach in "Supercharging the End User Experience" can be scaled in implementing technology change in your organization. Come learn and ask questions about "The Commission's Approach" and leave with a tool bag to kick start initiatives you thought were impossible.



### Introductions

<u>Chad Burns</u> has 20 total years of business experience with 15 years implementing projects in IT, Retail Operations, Construction, Call Centers and Finance. He possesses a Bachelor of Art from Randolph-Macon College in Accounting and Business Economics. Through the Project Management Institute (PMI), he became a certified Project Management Professional (PMP) in December of 2007. He has taken his experience from process reengineering and process improvement in banking, accounting and retail and established the Project Management Office at the Virginia Workers' Compensation Commission where he serve as the department's Manager and oversees the Commission's portfolio of projects.

Paul Baitinger has over 25 years of information technology experience and has worked at the Virginia Workers' Compensation Commission (VWC) since 2009. Paul started with VWC in the Assistant CIO / Application Development Manager role in 2009. His first responsibility was to oversee the transition of VWC's modernized systems which were developed by a vendor to bring them under the strategic leadership and management of VWC. Through the years, Paul has continued to work with the VWC team to advance the efficiency as well as to provide oversight and guidance of VWC's information systems. Paul moved into VWC's CIO role in 2018 where he continued to upgrade VWC's systems and has focused on further modernization of information systems solutions. He and his team evaluates technology advancements and collaborates to determine how VWC's information systems contribute to VWC's strategic for their internal and external stakeholders. Prior to joining VWC, Paul worked as an information systems technology consultant in various roles with EDS, AT&T, and Perot Systems (Dell). He is well versed in all aspects of the software development life cycle as well as information technology management.

### Introductions

Brenda Staylor is a graduate of Allegany College of Maryland and earned a Masters Certification in Project Management from George Washington University. She holds a certification as a Project Management Professional (PMP) and ScrumMaster (CSM). Prior to joining the commission, Brenda worked in the banking industry for 18 years. As a Project Manager, she has experience in leading technology upgrades, and business process and customer experience improvement projects. Since joining the commission in 2016, she has been a member of the Project Management Office (PMO) leading efforts to design and implement a new Finance System (Onyx), develop and design an automated program for records retention, and currently is the project manager for the WebFile User Interface Redesign.

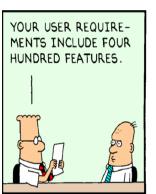
Brian Todd is a Senior Application Developer with over 12 years of professional experience in various software platforms and technologies, with a passion for software architecture and programming language design. Brian attended college at Virginia Commonwealth University where he graduated from the School of Engineering with a Bachelor's of Science in Computer Science in May 2012. Brian has served the Workers' Compensation Commission since March of 2012 in various application development roles, including application architecture, new feature development, leading teams to develop new applications for the Commissions' Self-Insurance Finance System (SIFS) and Professional Employment Organization WebFile (PEO), and is currently the technical lead of the User Interface Project, tasked with modernizing the Commissions' enterprise applications.



# Agenda

- What is the problem & why the change?
- Technology Selection & Benefits
- VWC Leadership Engagement & Impact
- How do we manage projects?
- Developing the Solution















### The Problem & The Why

#### Demo

Quick look at the old vs. new

#### Problem Statement

- The current software used for the User Interfaces (UI) for WebFile, Casper, Wendy, and Onyx will no longer be supported and needs to be replaced.
- > 10 year-old application
- 15 year-old technology platform

#### Use of Customer Feedback

- Mobile Friendly
- Improved Search functions
- Better experience with Notification Tab



### Technology Selection & Benefits

- Technology Comparison/Prototype
  - Current Portal Technology vs. Angular
  - How forward thinking played a role in the decision
- Benefits
  - > Improved user experience
    - ✓ Look & Feel
    - ✓ Responsiveness
    - ✓ Performance
  - Mobile friendly compatibility
  - Separate front end from back end, easier deployments
- How to use this information?
  - Implementation of any process change
  - Equipment (PC/Laptop) change
  - Office relocation



### Leadership Team Engagement & Impact

#### Organizational Buy-in

- Internal
  - ✓ Impact on each department's initiatives
  - ✓ Impact on Commission's project backlog
  - ✓ Impact on each individual in the Commission
- External
  - ✓ Awareness
  - ✓ Beta Group participation
  - ✓ User Guides
- Example of our UI Impact Discussion
  - Long-term planning
  - Resource impact
  - Schedule updates & communication







# Leadership Team Engagement & Impact



<sup>\* -</sup> Release # subject to change

^^ - Qty. determined by Common Core resource needs unless business foregoes tickets & projects to have Common Core delivered sooner



<sup>^ -</sup> Qty. determined by UI & Common Core planning resource needs

<sup># -</sup> If we implement Common Core

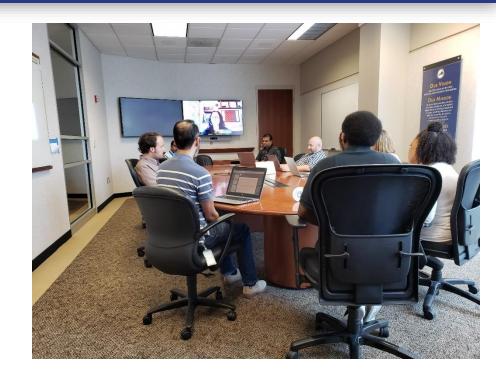
### Managing VWC Projects

#### User Interface

- Planning Sessions
- Project Methodology
  - ✓ Kanban
  - ✓ Scrum
  - ✓ Waterfall
- Scope Management
- Risk Management
- Timeline Management

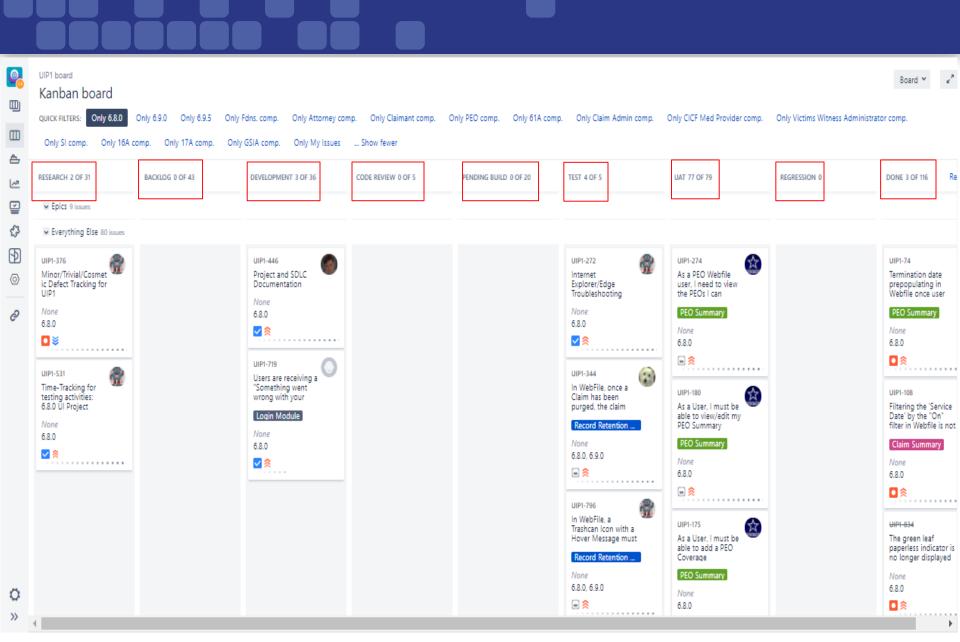
#### VWC Kanban

- Ul Kanban board
- How you can use Kanban in your office

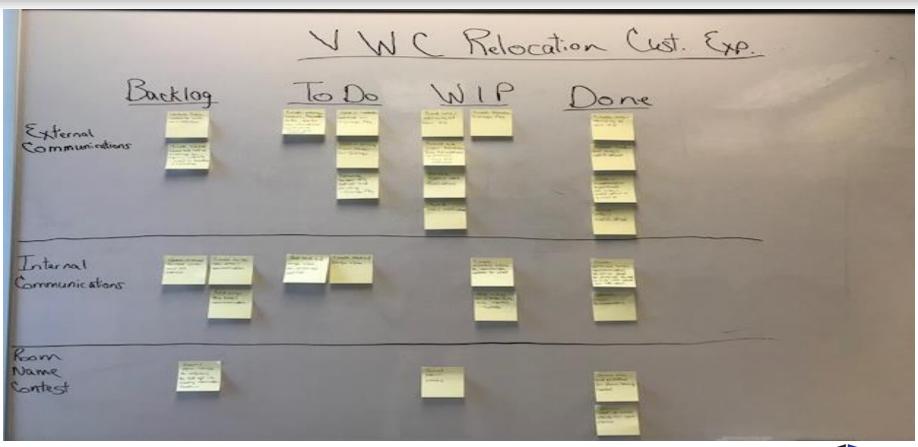




### VWC Kanban Board



### Sample Kanban Board







### **Communication & Training**

#### Communication

- Project Updates (Internal & External)
- How we communicate updates
  - ✓ Emails (internal and external)
  - Leveraging the internal intranet/communications portal
  - Meeting notes for key meetings where decisions are made
  - ✓ TV's in the hallways/near elevators
  - ✓ Leadership Meeting updates
  - ✓ Demos
  - ✓ Application log-in screens and public website

#### Training

- Demos
- User Guides
- Video Conferences











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### Developing the Solution

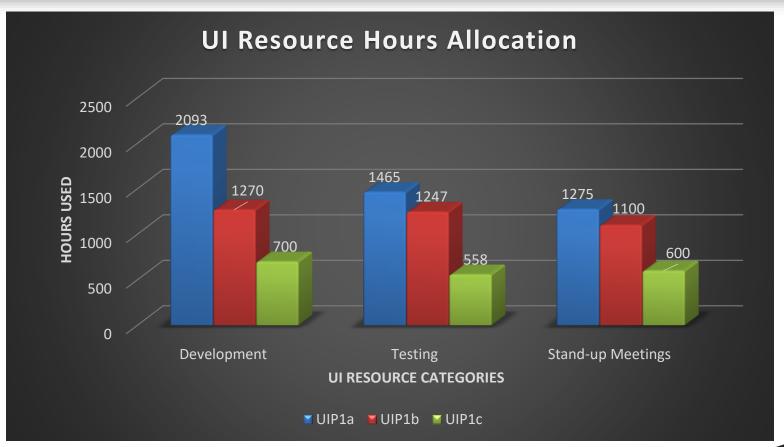
- UI Development Approach & Why
  - Agile/Kanban SDLC
- Important things to consider when building new functionality
  - Product Strategy (Purpose, Users, Platform(s))
  - Scope/Time/Cost Trilemma
- What should you ask a contract vendor?
  - Which Development Methodology will be used?
  - What is the potential for updates/enhancements?
  - What is the success of previous projects







### **UI Resource Allocation**







# UI Release Timeline

6.8 Release – September 2019 (Attorney, Claimant, PEO & 61A

- Attorney
- Claimant
- PEO
- 16A

#### 6.9 Release – TBD

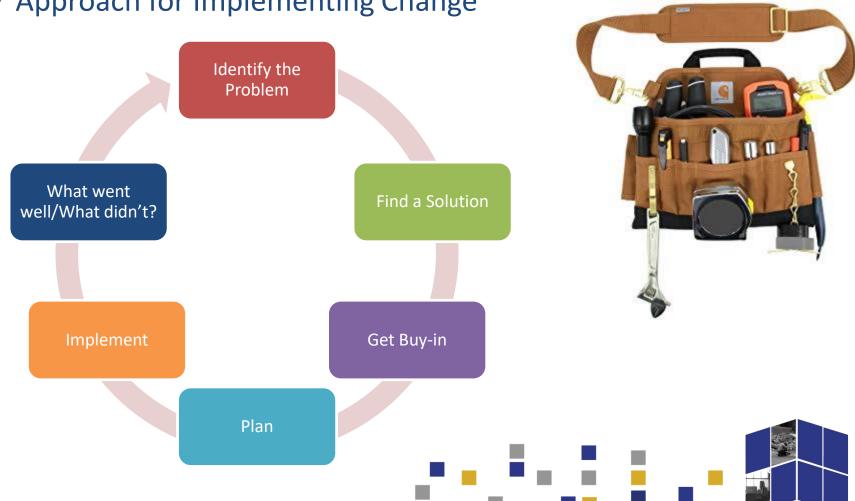
- Claim Administrator
- 16/17 A
- VVF Med Provider
- VVF Victim Witness

#### 6.9.5 Release (TBD)

- Self-Insurance (SI)
- Group Self Insurance Associations (GSIAs)

## Your Tool Bag

Approach for Implementing Change



### Your Tool Bag

- Where can I use what I've learned today?
  - Process changes (document retention, electronic signatures, etc...)
  - Equipment changes (cell phone, laptops, etc...)
  - New Office Website
  - Office Relocation
- Kanban Board
  - Office wall, whiteboard, flip chart
  - Post-it note for each task
- Things to consider when implementing new technology
- Questions for a contract vendor



# Questions



How the customer explained it



How the project leader understood it



How the analyst designed it



How the programmer wrote it



What the beta testers received



How the business consultant described it



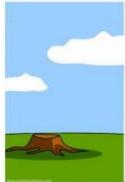
How the project was documented



What operations installed



How the customer was billed



How it was supported



What marketing advertised



What the customer really needed



